

PROCLAMATION 4207

National Maritime Day, 1973

April 11, 1973*By the President of the United States of America*

A Proclamation

The first transatlantic voyage by a steamship was made by an American vessel, the "Savannah", on May 22, 1819, from its namesake port in Georgia to Liverpool, England. To commemorate that event, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved four decades ago, designated May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually calling for its observance.

In welcome contrast to those of the past twelve years, National Maritime Day, 1973, finds this Nation at peace. Our merchant marine, which so effectively served as the logistic lifeline to our Armed Forces and allies in Southeast Asia, can now concentrate its full attention on the movement of cargoes which link the United States and its trading partners in peaceful enterprise.

International trade is an important and constructive force in forging concord between nations, and we have assigned high priorities to the improvement and expansion of our trade relations with the rest of the world.

I am confident that the American merchant marine, which is being restructured and revitalized under the Merchant Marine Act of 1970, will contribute in large measure to the success of these endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1973, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag observe "dress ship" procedures on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and

84 Stat. 1018.
46 USC 1101
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of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4208

National Clean Water Week

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April 14, 1973

A Proclamation

Clean water can mean many things—a sparkling stream, a refreshing drink, an industrial essential, or a beleaguered resource.

The need for clean water always exists. Agencies of government, researchers in universities, and concerned citizens individually and through organizations are working to assure a reliable and plentiful supply. Our heightened awareness of its importance in our lives and in our national life is a safeguard for its protection and enhancement. It is appropriate that we recognize the efforts of all those who are seeking to preserve our clean water supplies and encourage them and all our citizens to continue their quest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in concurrence with H.J. Res. 437, do hereby designate the week beginning April 15, 1973, as National Clean Water Week. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to support National Clean Water Week and to arrange for its proper observance. I also ask that special attention be given to personal voluntary activities and education efforts directed toward recognizing the need for clean water and protecting the supply.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.

